

NEWS UPDATE

**Shelby County Office of Preparedness/
Memphis & Shelby County Emergency
Management Agency**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
(901) 515-2525

September 1, 2008-Afternoon Update

- **Shelter Command/Coordination:** Shelby County Office of Preparedness-Memphis and Shelby County EMA Emergency Operations Center **(901) 515-2525**. Bob Nations, Director
- **What's New Since the Last Update?**

A new shelter has opened. Hope Presbyterian Church at 8500 Walnut Grove Road will be taking evacuees beginning tonight at 6:00.

- **Total Evacuees now estimated to be in Memphis and Shelby County:** Almost 32,000

In Hotels: 30,000

Mandatory Evacuees at EMA/Red Cross approved Shelters: 1104

Voluntary Evacuees staying in shelters: 600

Mandatory evacuees are staying at seven (7) Memphis Park Services community centers. A Memphis and Shelby County Health Department nurse and Memphis Police Officers are at each facility.

- **Shelter Sites for other evacuees:**
 1. Hope Presbyterian Church-8500 Walnut Grove Road-Status-SPACE AVAILABLE
 2. World Overcomers Outreach Ministries Church-6655 Winchester Road at Kirby Parkway-Status-AT CAPACITY
 3. First Baptist Church of West Memphis, Arkansas-200 Missouri Street-Status-AT CAPACITY
 4. Marion First Baptist Church-2137 Highway 77 Marion, Arkansas-Status-AT CAPACITY
 5. Memphis Catholic High School 61 North McLean-Status-AT CAPACITY
 6. Bishop Byrne High School-1475 East Shelby Drive-Status-AT CAPACITY
 7. Cummings Street Baptist Church-250 East Raines Road-Status-AT CAPACITY
 8. G.W. Henderson Senior Center-1165 Abbay Street, Tunica, Mississippi-Status-AT CAPACITY

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- **A Word About Shelters**

► **Should faith-based organizations want to open a shelter, the Emergency Operations Center should be contacted. The shelter will be listed along with the others in the daily updates to the community. Also, any facility opened as a shelter should be inspected to ensure it meets building and fire codes.**

- **What's Needed From the Public?**

Personal care items: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairbrushes, combs, adult Depends, toilet tissue, baby food, baby wipes, diapers and towels. Pens, pencils, coloring books, crayons and poster boards are also needed for children. Donated supplies may be dropped off at a warehouse at 994 South Bellevue between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or at the Red Cross at 1400 Central Avenue during business hours.

THERE IS NOT YET A NEED FOR DONATED CLOTHES

- **Volunteers:** Volunteers are *NEEDED* to help during the relief effort. Some may work at Red Cross shelters. The Red Cross will provide a one hour training course for shelter workers. Other volunteers may assist the Memphis City Schools Food Service Department serving meals at the shelters. People who want to volunteer should call the volunteer hotline **(901) 324-8799** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information.
- **Pets:** Are not allowed in the Shelters. "Service dogs" with evacuees are permitted in the shelter. These facilities are boarding pets:
 1. Memphis Animal Shelter-935 Farm Road at Shelby Farms
 2. Collierville Animal Shelter-603 East South Street
 3. Magnolia Kennels 6375 Summer Avenue
- **Food:** Provided by Memphis City Schools
- **Transportation:** Provided by Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) buses

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness/EMA Operations Center is open 24 hours a day. Representatives of Shelby County and Memphis City Government divisions and various community agencies are at the center monitoring the hurricane relief efforts. For questions, call **(901) 515-2525**.

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